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Deputy Fire Chief Jewell Announces Retirement

FREDERICK, MD – After nearly 20 years of public service, Deputy Chief Clarence “Chip” Jewell has announced his retirement as the director of the Frederick County Division of Volunteer Fire & Rescue Services, effective Dec. 31. Over the decades, Mr. Jewell has seen dramatic changes in the fire and rescue service.

He began his county career in 1972 as a dispatcher with Frederick County Central Alarm. He also worked in communications for Montgomery County Fire & Rescue Services and had over 20 years in the insurance industry as an insurance agent and insurance education instructor.

Mr. Jewell returned to county government in 2003 as the first director of Volunteer Fire & Rescue Service. In 2006, he was promoted to director of the Department of Emergency Communications. In 2014, he returned to the volunteer services as the chief/director of the newly created Division of Volunteer Fire & Rescue Service.

“Chip has been an incredible asset through the years, with an extensive knowledge of Frederick County’s volunteer system that is unmatched,” County Executive Jan Gardner said. “He will be greatly missed.”

“I have truly been honored to serve the citizens of Frederick County as both volunteer director and the director of emergency communications,” Mr. Jewell said upon announcing his retirement Tuesday. “Our county is so fortunate to have an excellent cadre of volunteers in our more than two dozen volunteer fire and rescue companies. Our dedicated members continue to meet the demands of training while responding to an increasing volume of emergency incidents. I am grateful for the many years of support from the leadership in each company and the officers of the Frederick County Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association.”

Mr. Jewell has been an active volunteer in Frederick County since 1969. He will continue to maintain his activity in the volunteer service as assistant chief of the Libertytown Volunteer Fire Department and life membership at both Libertytown and the Junior Fire Co. No. 2. He will also continue to serve as a field instructor for the University of Maryland/Maryland Fire-Rescue Institute.

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